From: ckelley@cambridgema.gov
To: Carl Kaplan
Subject: Re: Cambridge City Council and the Israel BDS movement
Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018 2:03:59 PM

Can you send me the link to the City info on this.

Thanks.

Craig

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On Apr 19, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Carl Kaplan <carl.kaplan@ymail.com> wrote:

> Hi Craig,
> MAagainstHP is telling people the hearing date has been moved, but everyonle else, including the Cambridge city website thinks it is still Monday. I am in novice. Is it possible this might end up as a non-public hearing with the closed vote? Thanks.
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> Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
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> On Friday, April 13, 2018, 8:36 AM, Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov> wrote:
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>> My pleasure.
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>> Thanks for sharing your thoughts.
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>> Craig
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>> **From:** Carl Kaplan [mailto:carl.kaplan@ymail.com]
>> **Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:30 AM
>> **To:** Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov>
>> **Subject:** Re: Cambridge City Council and the Israel BDS movement
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>> Hi Craig,
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>> Thank you so much for your reply. I am pleasantly surprised that I

got a reply, as I was pretty sure you're being bombarded with emails. On the other hand knowing Cambridge as well as I do, It's no surprise that the city council members want to be informed and make the right decision.

As far as your thoughts, I totally agree with them. As I mentioned in my email, I am very supportive of Israel. However, by no means does that mean I give them a free pass to do anything. Above all, I want a peaceful solution in the Middle East that benefits everyone. I learned long ago from my Israeli friends, that one can be both pro-Israel AND pro-Palestinian. That is me. As you stated, the apparent proposed measure (like you I have not seen the measure itself) seems to be far too extreme in placing all the blame on one entity and singling out Israel and only Israel. That is my dissatisfaction and concern with it, and other similar measures put forth by BTS and it's partner organizations.

I am sure that you are reaching out for a better understanding from people that you know. However, if you would ever like to chat about this I am very happy to chat and will be as objective as possible (for someone who is supportive of Israel :-). Again, thank you so much for your time.

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On Friday, April 13, 2018, 8:17 AM, Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Carl.
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> I know next to nothing about this except that I am being bombarded with emails from people who seem to know more and I found a flyer at the Kennedy School last week. I am meeting with pro and con folks next week and the week after to learn more.
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> Not having seen the resolution, which won't be officially posted until the Thursday before the Council meeting, I cannot say anything with surety except that I will not support an attempt to delegitimize Israel although I could be supportive of something that expresses concerns over some of Israel's policies without singling them out as the only nation in the world with problematic policies.

I also think this is a lousy way to manipulate local government. If we want to take stances on good and bad in the world, and arguably we should, it only seems fair that we do so via some agreed upon criteria that does not single out specific entities for the sake of political expedience.

But like I said, I actually have not seen anything for the Council yet so my opinion is not well informed.

Craig